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Pocomtuck Chapter

Marlinton Visited By Early Morning Fire

Piper Motor Company Garage
Suffers Damage

Last Tuesday morning when the early risers were listening their sleep and the night owls were just getting to sleep the early fire was split by the best catching west of the fire.

The alarm called at about 5:30 a. m. and the fire fighters were on the job in a few minutes and found that the blaze was just two doors from the fire house, at Piper's Garage.

Without being any more the smoke waves, unrolled, their heat and soon had a stream of Marlinton's pumping water on the building. It looked for a while like the building of Frank Moore and the Fire House were also doomed but there is evidently something in our still smoldering water that is death on fire for the boys soon had the inferno calmed down and after a three hour fight in freezing weather finally put the blazes out on the insurance man's neighbors.

It is thought that the fire was caused by defective wiring in the building.

Due to the prompt and effective efforts of the local fire company damage was limited to the balcony and roof of the old Opera House building. The amount of the damage has been estimated at about \$4500.00 part of which is assessed for by parts stored on the balcony by the garage.

There were quite a few automobiles stored in the garage at the time of the fire but with the help of the firemen and other citizens they were all removed before they were damaged.

While this was one of the most spectacular fires that has visited Marlinton in some time it could have caused many times the damage if it had it not been for the good work of the local fire company under the leadership of Fire Chief Paul Overbeck, and the entire community owes these lads a debt of gratitude for their prompt, efficient service.

Just a word to the non-residents about Marlinton's water. The water we are now using is not our regular supply, water is now being obtained from several wells, which explains the strange odor and taste.

Calvin Price Talks On Nationwide Hookup

Last Tuesday night the masses of Marlinton and the Greenbrier rivers were heard from coast to coast of our land as Calvin W. Price, editor of the Pocomtuck Times, spoke over the nationwide hookup of the "We The People" program.

Editor Price is to be congratulated as being chosen to speak over the air on this program as it is one of the most popular on the networks.

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